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Cochin Shipyard

3790. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) The present order book position to of the Cochin Shipyard Ltd.

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the order book position of this Shipyard: and

(c) the plans being considered by the Government to improve the working of the Shipyard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The present order book position of Conchin Shipyard Limited is two number 86000 DWT Crude Oil tankers;

(b) Orders for construction of three more similar tankers are likely to be placed by Shipping Corporation of India for which Government have already initiated action; and

(c) Various measures for improving the financial health of the Shipyard which include revision of the pricing formula, restructuring of capital base, etc., are under consideration of the Government.

Chartering of India Vessels by Foreign Companies

3791. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a). whether the Government have taken a decision to the effect that the chartering of India vessels to foreign companies would no longer require the prior permission of the Director General of Shipping:

(b) if so, the detail thereof; and

(c) the response of the Indian shopping companies to this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government have simplified the procedure for chartering out of vessels by Indian Shipping companies. The requirement of obtaining prior permission of Director General of Shipping for time/voyage chartering out of Indian flag vessels by shipping for companies has been dispensed with for one year on experimental basis. However, the shipowners should furnish the details of the fixture to the Director General of Shipping for purpose of maintaining records etc.

(c) The Indian National Shipowners Association (INSA) has welcomed and appreciated the Government's decision.

Loans Advanced by Financial Institutions

3792. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRI ANNA JOSHI:
SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA:
SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA):
SHRI CHETAN P. S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loans sanctioned by the public sector financial institutions to each